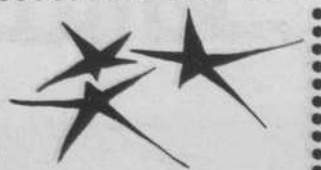


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seafront bazaar in Moslem West Beirut Tuesday, killing 12 people and wounding 40, including schoolchildren, police sources said.

Witnesses said the first bomb detonated at 1:20 p.m. when the marketplace overlooking the Mediterranean in the Rauche district was jammed with traffic and shoppers.

Rescuers and onlookers who rushed to the scene of the first bombing were caught by the second explosion six minutes later. The blasts flattened shops and shattered windows up to five blocks away. It was feared some survivors had been trapped under the flaming de-

bris.

State television said a hitherto unknown group called "Holy Struggle" claimed responsibility. But a Western news agency received a call saying "The Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners" took responsibility.

The Front claimed responsibility for a number of bombings last year against Palestinian targets and against the Syrian army, which has some 22,000 troops in Lebanon policing the armistice that ended the 1975-76 civil war.

"My God, it is horrible," said a young man surveying the damage.

Soviets purchase additional corn

WASHINGTON

The Soviet Union has bought an additional 450,000 metric tons of corn—17.7 million bushels—from the United States for delivery by Sept. 30, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.

Officials said the sale boosted to nearly 11.9 million tons — 5.9 million wheat and 6 million corn — the amount bought for delivery in 1981-82, the sixth year of a grain agreement with the United States.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 39.4 bushels of corn or 36.7 bushels of wheat.

Pres. Reagan imposed selective trade sanctions on the Soviet Union after the imposition of martial law in Poland.

However, Reagan stopped short of embargoing sales under the present grain agreement. It guarantees the Soviet Union up to 8 million tons of wheat and corn a year, and more if the United States agrees.



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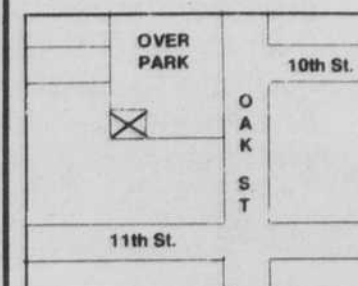
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